

Administrative Services' Analyst Earns Masters Degree

"I wanted to expand my experience base." That's what motivated Administrative Services Financial Analyst, Gordon Brown, to complete three years of study at Brigham Young University and earn a Masters Degree in Public Administration. As part of the course Gordon studied aspects of public finance, public budgeting, human resource management, human resource law, and statistics.

Gordon has been with the department for eight years, and has a number of responsibilities, such as: auditing the brand program, fixed assets audit, organic food audit, and he tracks the meat and poultry inspection grants.

Gordon graduated from the University of Utah in 1996 with a bachelors degree in accounting.

"Gordon took advantage of a wonderful program offered by the department to further employees' education," said Division Director, Renee Matsuura. "We are proud of Gordon and his accomplishment," she added.



Master of the calculator!

Administrative Services' Financial Analyst, Gordon Brown, earned a masters degree in Public Administration in April from Brigham Young University.

UDAF Compliance Specialist Called to Support Iraq Combat

Plant Industry Compliance Specialist David Daniels is among the many Utah Army Reservists called up to assist in the Iraq war.

David is not on the front line, but is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas with the Army's 3/360 Combat Support group. His unit helps train troops that are going to Iraq.

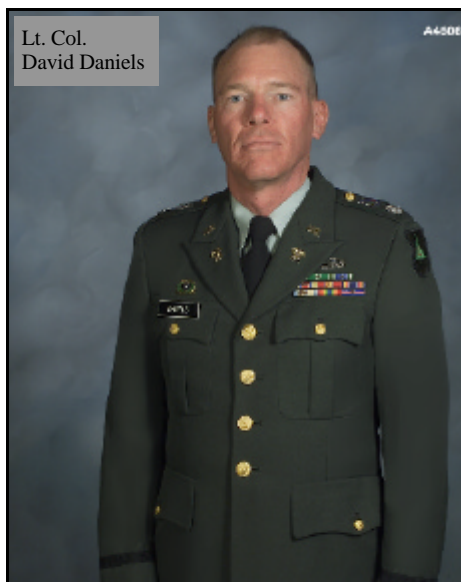
David, who has achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel, helps train troops in nine different specialties, such as how to search prisoners, how to provide security at Forward Operational Bases. They also learn how to: check for bombs, search and detain prisoners, shoot weapons correctly, as well as train for leadership roles, and how to improve their decision making processes.

David is hoping to return to his family as soon as his commitment is up, which could be at the end of the year.

He and his wife Carol live on a 700- tree fruit farm in Brigham City, Utah where they raise peaches, pears and nectarines.

He says he appreciates that the department is keeping his job open for him while he is away. Division Director, Dick Wilson, says he is proud of David's contribution to the country's homeland security.

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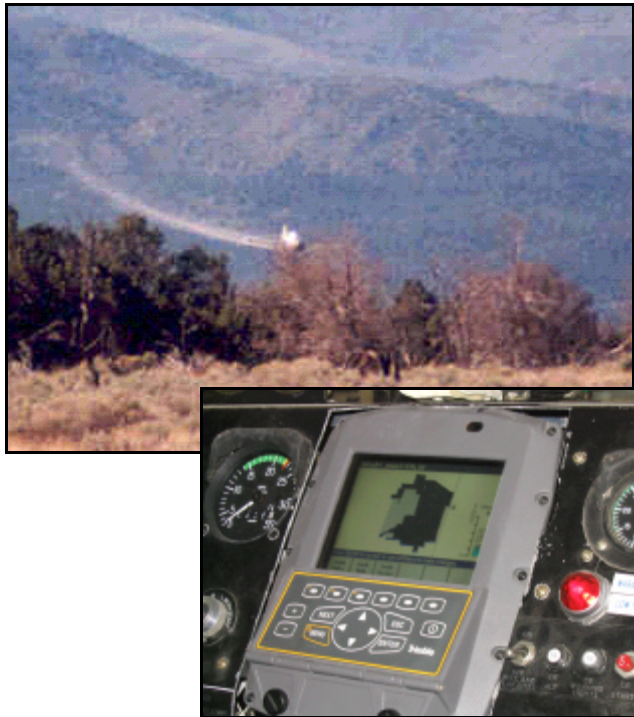
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CRICKET AND GRASSHOPPER SPRAYING UNDERWAY

Efforts go hi-tech with GPS technology

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture has begun its aerial spraying program to control populations of Mormon crickets in Central Utah. One of the first target areas is near Fillmore, Utah. Other areas scheduled for treatment are: Vernon, Goshen, Beaver, and Milford. The project will employ global positioning satellite technology to help pilots more accurately apply the pesticide.

An estimated 4 million acres of land will be infested with crickets and grasshoppers this year, up from the 3.2 million acres infested last year.



Global positioning satellite technology aids in the aerial treatment of Mormon crickets near Fillmore, Utah. Crickets and grasshoppers infest four million acres in Utah.

Pruning, Planting And Painting Punctuated Pride Day at Agriculture

In conjunction with Take Pride in Utah Day

We did it again!!

Another all-out effort by UDAF employees to take pride in Agriculture and our building May 14. This onset of Spring cleaning resulted in dozens of annual flowers and plants being planted around the grounds. Two new trees were planted, and the parking lot curbing received a fresh coat of red paint, thanks to Kathleen Mathews and her crew. A barbecue followed the hard work.



WEST NILE VIRUS MOSQUITO CONTROL FUNDS AWARDED

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, working with local and state health agencies, awarded \$500,000 to 20 counties or agencies to help expand the fight against West Nile Virus in Utah. The funds are to be used to create new mosquito control districts, or expand existing districts.

"We recognize the importance of expanding the fight against West Nile Virus," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, Cary G. Peterson.

"Along with these funds, the counties will receive sound technical advice on how best to control mosquito populations," he added.

The UDAF along with representatives from the Utah Department of Health, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah State University, Salt Lake Mosquito Abatement District, Box Elder County and the U.S. Army reviewed numerous applications and identified 20 entities that qualified for funding. They are: Beaver County, Carbon County, Garfield County, Morgan County, Piute County and towns, Sanpete County, Sevier County, Bear River Health Department, Daggett County MAD, Emery County, North Summit MAD, Wasatch County, Box Elder MAD, Juab County, Kane County, Ute Tribe Environmental Health, Wayne County and towns, and the UDAF Division of Animal Industry. A contingency fund of \$19,600 may be available for Iron and San Juan Counties.

Notification letters are being sent to the applicants. The funds are expected to be distributed in the next few weeks, with mosquito control work to begin as soon as possible.





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